

Application No. 09/941,832

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended is respectfully requested. Claims 1-7, 29-32 and 58 are pending. In this Amendment claims 8-12 are rejoined and amended, and claims 21-28 and 34-57 are canceled. No new matter is added.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicants' counsel representative during Telephone Interviews on October 7, 2004, October 12, 2004, and October 13, 2004 in which the Examiner indicated that claims 1-7, 29-32 and 58 are allowable. Applicants' separate record of the substance of these interviews is contained in the comments below.

The Examiner is thanked for indicating that claims 1-7, 29-32 and 58 are allowed, that the previously withdrawn claims 8-12 may be rejoined, and that the rejoined claims 8-12 would be allowable if amended to be consistent with allowable claim 1. In the present amendment, claims 8-12 have been amended as agreed during the October 7, 2004 and October 12, 2004, Telephone Interviews, and, therefore, are in condition for allowance.

Applicants have amended the specification as discussed with the Examiner during the October 13, 2004 Telephone Interview.

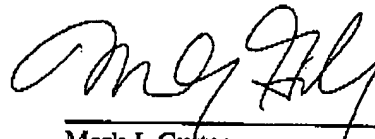
If the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding the present response, the Examiner is invited to contact Mark J. Guttag at 703-591-2664, Ext. 2006.

As requested by the Examiner, the present Amendment is being sent via facsimile.

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In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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